

Monroe County Early Intervention Program
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What is Early Intervention (EI)?

A federal, state and local collaboration that grew out of federal legislation (Public Law 99-457: Public Law 101-476) servicing the family and their child under age three who has documented or suspected developmental delays, or disabilities.

Local Lead Agency:

Monroe County Department of Public Health

Early Intervention Official:

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Mandated Services:

- Child Find
- Multidisciplinary Evaluation
- Public Awareness
- Monitoring Service Delivery
- Individualized Family Service Plan
- Service Coordination

Target Population:

All children birth through two who:

- Have a confirmed developmental delay
- Have a medical or physical diagnosis with a high probability of developmental delay
- Have been screened and found to need further evaluation
- Are suspected of or at high risk for developmental delays in one or more of the following domains: cognitive, communication, gross/fine motor, social/emotional and adaptive (self help).

Voluntary Entitlement: Parents must agree to participate; the service is to assist them with enhancing their child's development.

Role of Service Coordinator:

- Providing information, advocacy
- Facilitating evaluation, linking with resources
- Coordinating across agency lines
- Helping parent develop an IFSP
- Monitoring delivery of services and due process

Sources of Referrals:

- Primary medical provider
- Community based programs/agencies
- Parent/Relatives
- NICU, Hospital Outpatient Clinics
- Human Services
- Local School Districts
- Other

When to Refer:

- When a child has a definite delay or diagnosed condition with a high probability of delay; referral should be made within two working days
- If delay is questionable or other circumstances are present, the referral may involve judgement as to the best time to refer. Feel free to contact EI to discuss (753-5437).

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- When primary medical provider feels that parent will benefit from further information, support, and guidance in seeking evaluation/services for a child

How to Refer: Contact the Early Intervention Program at **753-KIDS (5437) Fax: 753-5272**

Process after referral:

- Service Coordinator makes initial visit to explain program and get signed consents
- Evaluation or screening takes place to determine eligibility
- Service Plan is prepared and services begin for those families of children who are found eligible; developmental monitoring is offered to families of ineligible children.
- Ongoing Service Coordinator monitors service delivery, plans reviews and assists with transition out of EI.